(2) *Anuqpa* and, "Leaves": the eastern continuation of the last mentioned.[1] The name explained as follows:

One of the people who came to us earth in the beginning of time, Tunghank by name, traveled to the Skeena River, and there saw women wearing labrets. On his return to Bella Coola he settled at *Anuqpa* and carved on his totem-pole[a] the figure of a woman with an abalone-shell labret as a memorial of his voyage. Unbecoming to his particular consort the totem from the figure.

This was one of the largest sites in the valley.

[a](3) *Kimsquit*: a small town some north of the last, not far from the Fraser. It is noteworthy that it was founded by a descendant of Tunghank named *Imd-a*. The consensus of opinion is that it has not been occupied for many years, but one informant recently dug up a clay pipe on the alleged site.

[a](4) *Sutkuk*, "What the Sun Divided": on the south shore of the Bella Coola River about a quarter of a mile from the sea. This village was founded by a certain *Sell*.

[a](5) *Nuqa-a*, meaning doubtful, perhaps "Salty": this, the most populous village of the valley in the recent past, is still inhabited by one or two families. The inhabitants of other towns explain its large population by numerous marriages with slaves. This is the upper, in matters, continuation of the preceding, and the two in combination formerly row of houses stretching for three-quarters of a mile (see Fig. 9).

(6) *Gwadlaqmq*, "The Trouton-lake": on the north side of the Bella Coola, apparently about half a mile above *Nuqa-a*. This village was long ago deserted.

(7) *Tsuk-tsuxuiks-a*, "Where there is Much Arbutus-wood," a kind of hollow-crooked nut: some distance from

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[a] The first Coast Salish has that such names and some gables, separated villages as Nuqa-a to north, was thought a mark of Salishan and others as the same origin of some gable to the North-to Coast indicates that the Bella Coola example an an intermediate example.

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525 he is wrong, he pays them. It is said that in former times each stick used to be painted with a special device, and that each had its own name; even now they are beautifully made and highly polished by much passing from hand to hand. The Carriers play the same game but use heavier sticks instead of sticks. Formerly it was not uncommon for a man to bet his goods, his wives and children, and even himself at this game. If he lost, the persons so wagered became slaves of the victor unless redeemed by their friends. Women, too, gambled freely; to them, neophytes recently admitted into the *tsaxai* society were the only ones to whom this pastime was forbidden.

526 Of actual games, the one most commonly played is *skloo*. As many as eight or ten contestants can take part, each providing himself with one, two, or three stones,[1] packed down to the proper shape. Each is about six inches in length, three inches wide, flat on one side, and oval on the other, well rounded at either end. Before the coming of the white men, when the Bella Coola habitually used stone, it is said that one of these could be made in a few minutes. A mark is set up, and the first player throws his missile in the air, endeavouring to make it come to rest as close as possible to the target. The game is usually played on an open space near the village, but even on comparatively smooth ground there is great chance of bouncing and the thrower must gauge this possibility as well as have correct direction and distance. The second player likewise throws his stone, trying to land it nearer the target, or to knock away his rival's. In so doing, the latter, lying on the ground, is often broken, which puts to swear out of the game for the time being. When all have thrown, the one who has come nearest the mark is the winner. Sometimes each contestant throws two or more stones, and sometimes sides are chosen. Large numbers of broken gaming stones can be found near every old village site, confirming the statements of the older men and women concerning the universality of the sport

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is former times. *Nika* might almost be called the Bella Coola national game, although it is now (1923) seldom played.

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A game with somewhat similar rules is *nyulwisk*, played with small wooden spears tipped with bone. When a number of men or boys decide to play, they choose two captains who in turn select their teams; any number can take part, provided that the sides are equal, but five each is usual. There is a special name for each player according to his position, and he lays against the corresponding member of the other team. A mark is set up, and one of the captains throws his spear, so that it will stick upright in the ground as near the target as possible. The rival leader endeavours to beat this, and if he fails, his second man throws, and each in succession until one comes closer to the goal than the rival captain. Then the latter's number two rises to beat the last thrower, followed by those of his own side until one succeeds or all have thrown. The game thus ends when all of one side have thrown unsuccessfully. The winning side is, of course, the one to which belongs the player whose throw is nearest the target. Each member of the losing team pays his wager to his adversary and a second round is begun.

The sport is now rarely indulged in, but in former times games used to continue all day, and valuables were lost in the gambling which was considered to be a necessary part of it. Men used to observe ceremonial chastity to increase their chances of success and the sport was regarded with admiration by younger lads. The rival team of a village often used to visit other towns to compete against their representatives, and the games were contested amid heated excitement on the part of the supporters. This occasionally led to serious fighting.

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Another sport of a similar type is archery; a mark is set up and each competitor runs to lodge his arrow as close to it as possible. This game has now entirely lost favour, the young men preferring a type of football played without strict observation to rules, but with great energy.

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Bella Coola children, too, have their games and recreations, many of them of an imitative nature. Little boys enjoy rolling

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